been suppressed, In fact some of the recommendations have already been implemented.

Measures to Curb the diseases of Heart, Brain and Respiratory System

439. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diseases pertaining to brain, heart and respiratory systems are increasing day by day in the country; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that eminent neurologists from Europe, Germany and other parts of the world met recently in India to discuss latest developments in these fields;

(c) if so, the finding thereof and the recommendations made in this regard; and

(d) what concrete measures his ministry propose to take to tackle such disease in our country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Aids free Blood

440. SHRI R. GANESAN *alias* MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to see that blood banks throughout the country do sell only AIDS free blood;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines to hospitals have so far been issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (d) The Government is establishing HIV/AIDS testing facilities in major cities, States/UTs Capitals on a Zonal basis where blood banks are being linked to Zonal blood testing centres. At present, HIV testing facilities are available in 43 cities.

Testing of blood under the zonal blood testing programme is being extended to cities with population of 5 lakhs and above in a phased manner.

The Government in collaboration with World Health Organisation has prepared a medium term plan for 3 years (1990-92) for prevention and control of AIDS in India. In this medium term plan there is a provision to establishing Zonal blood testing facilities in all cities with a population exceeding 5 lakhs.

Under the Zonal Blood Testing Programme for HIV, a group of blood banks have been linked to a zonal centre to which blood bank would send blood samples collected for HIV testing. The Zonal Centres would inform the blood bank the same day the result of the tests done and the blood bank is required to discard the infected blood. Blood Banks would destroy sero-positive blood by heat treatment/incineration.

Price Control on Formulations

441. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Economic Times, Bombay on 12th October, 1990 under the heading of "some Key formulations to come under price control";

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has written to work out the prices of combinations of drugs irrespective of major or minor ingredients of price controlled drugs to BICP;